

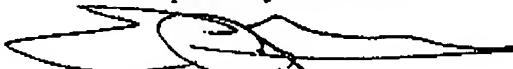
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REMARKS

The courtesies extended to applicants' attorney during the noted telephone interview are gratefully acknowledged. Prior to that interview a proposed amendment was faxed to the Examiner that incorporated the subject matter appearing above and proposed amendments to claims 17-23 and 26. During the interview the Examiner expressed the opinion that the amendment to the claims that were objected to placed them in condition for allowance, but the amendment to the rejected claims raised new issues. Although applicants' attorney does not agree on this latter point, because these claims are directed to different inventions they are being canceled subject to the filing of a divisional application directed to their subject matter. Entry is therefore respectfully requested.

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